

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in light of the present amendments and following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 49-51, 53-57, 65, 66, 70, and 71 are pending. Claims 1-28 and 61 were canceled previously. Claims 29-48, 52, 58-60, 62-64, and 67-69 are canceled by the present amendment. Claims 70 and 71 are amended to add a comma before the word "and." No new matter is added.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 29-48, 58-60, 62-64, and 67-69 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over Arnold (U.S. Patent No. 4,777,786, herein "Arnold") in view of Torras (U.S. Patent No. 4,926,621, herein "Torras"). Claims 49-57, 65-66, 70, and 71 were allowed.

Applicants note with appreciation the indication that Claims 49-57, 65-66, 70, and 71 are allowed.

Regarding the rejection of Claims 29-48, 58-60, 62-64, and 67-69 as obvious over Arnold in view of Torras, as Claims 29-48, 58-60, 62-64, and 67-69 are canceled, Applicants respectfully submit that any rejection of these claims is negated.

As only allowed Claims 49-51, 53-57, 65, 66, 70, and 71 are pending, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance.

For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance for 49-51, 53-57, 65, 66, 70, and 71 is earnestly solicited.

Should Examiner Fabian-Kovacs deem that any further action is necessary to place this application in even better form for allowance, he is encouraged to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the below-listed telephone number.

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